

## BOOKS RECEIVED

PHILIP PREGILL and NANCY VOLKMAN. 1999. **Landscapes in History: Design and Planning in the Eastern and Western Traditions, Second Edition.** (ISBN 0-471-29328-8, hbk.). John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158-0012. \$89.95. 844 pp. Numerous b&w photos.

*From the Cover:* "This revised edition of *Landscapes in History* features for the first time new information—rarely available elsewhere in the literature—on landscape architecture in India, China, Southeast Asia, and Japan. It also expands the discussion of the modern period, including current North American planning and design practices.

This unique, highly regarded book traces the development of landscape architecture and environmental design from prehistory to modern times—in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and North America. It covers the many cultural, political, technological, and philosophical issues influencing land use throughout history, focusing not only on design topics but also on the environmental impact of human activity. Landscape architects, urban planners, and students of these disciplines will find here:

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Useful chapter summaries and bibliographies"

C. WAYNE SMITH and J. TOM COTHREN (eds.). 1999. **Cotton: Origin, History, Technology, and Production.** (ISBN 0-471-18045-9, hbk.). John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158-0012. \$250.00. 850 pp. Numerous b&w photos.

*From the preface:* The genus *Gossypium* contains 49 species distributed throughout most tropical and subtropical regions of the world. The genus contains an amazing amount of diversity, ranging from herbaceous perennials to small trees. Seed coverings, or fibers, range from almost nonexistent to short, stiff, dense brown hairs that aid in wide dispersal to long, fine white fibers that characterize highly improved cultivars. This monograph is truly about a miracle plant. It provides fibers for an array of textile products including the clothes we wear, oil for human consumption, feed for livestock, and base chemicals for a plethora of industrial products." *Contents:* **1)** Origin and history; **2)** The cotton plant; **3)** Production and production hazards; and **4)** Processing and products.